

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Emergency Condition Notification Form

Date June 11, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM (MDT)

Facility Affected: Tiber Dam

River(s) Affected: Marias River

Organizations Receiving this Notification:

Liberty County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Hill County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Chouteau County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Toole County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Blaine County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Fergus County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Phillips County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Petroleum County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services – Helena
National Weather Service Forecaster in Great Falls
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha
Great Plains Regional Office
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service

1. Condition Description

Streamflows in the Marias River Basin continue to remain at high levels, but appear to have peaked and are beginning to decrease. Inflows into Tiber Dam have increased steadily over the past several days resulting in a reservoir elevation of 3000.11. The Corp of Engineers has requested that Reclamation utilize replacement storage at Tiber Dam to assist with downstream flooding. In accordance with this request Reclamation anticipates reservoir elevations to increase within the flood pool and remain for several weeks.

In accordance with the Tiber Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP), reservoir elevations in excess of 2996.0 place Tiber Dam at an elevated response level requiring notifications to downstream authorities and affected agencies. **This is only a result of reservoir elevations exceeding 2996.0. There are no dam safety related conditions or concerns with Tiber Dam.**

Below are the current conditions as of 9:00 a.m. June 11, 2011.

- Elevation = 3000.11
- Storage = 1,061,720 acre-feet
- Inflow = 18,100 cfs (12-hr avg)
- Discharge = 1,500 cfs

2. Potential River Levels and Times of Arrival

Following coordination with the Corps of Engineers releases from Tiber Dam were increased to 1,500 cfs at 2:30 PM on 06/10/11. Due to high inflows and reservoir levels additional increases will likely be scheduled in the coming days.

Marias River Location

Loma

Approximate Travel Time

12-15 hours

3. Actions Taken by Reclamation

Reclamation continues to monitor river levels both upstream and downstream of Lake Elwell, as well at conditions at Tiber Dam and will issue further notifications as conditions warrant. As previously stated, Reclamation has been requested by the Corps of Engineers to utilize reserve storage at Tiber Dam.

4. Actions Expected of Downstream Agencies

Reservoir elevations are expected to climb for the next several weeks. Downstream agencies should take these reservoir levels and flows into account combined with existing downstream tributary flows entering the Marias River when determining potential actions.

5. For Additional Information

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